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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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SUBJECT : Review of Requirement for Overhead Reconnaissance
of the [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : USIB-D-41.14/16, 15 August 1963,
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25X6 USIB, at its 5 September meeting, reviewed the need for coverage by
overhead reconnaissance of [REDACTED] and, during discussion
thereof, took the following actions:

25X6 a. Noted an oral report by the Chairman that [REDACTED] has expressed
25X1 a valid objection to the use of [REDACTED] as envisioned in
the reference paper because of the risk of compromising the security of the
U-2 operations until the construction crews had completed their work and
been removed from the base. Mr. McCone said this raised the question
25X6 whether the urgency of the requirement for U-2 coverage of the [REDACTED]
25X6 [REDACTED] which had been levied by the Defense Department, justified approaching
[REDACTED] He noted that CIA felt that the risks of a further
delay in such coverage until mid-October could be accepted.

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25X6 b. Noted, as expressed by General Carroll, the importance and
urgency which the Department of Defense attached to obtaining overhead
reconnaissance coverage of [REDACTED] especially during the
approaching period when weather would be favorable for ChiCom military action
in the area.

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c. Noted a statement by [redacted] that CIA personnel at the [redacted] had estimated that the base would not be ready for secure U-2 operations until mid-December 1963, at the earliest.

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d. After discussion of the various alternatives including carrier operations, noted the Chairman's statement that he would present the Defense requirement for coverage of [redacted] for consideration of the Special Group at its meeting on 5 September.

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e. Noted the Chairman's further statement that [redacted] who was scheduled to be [redacted] next week, would be instructed to undertake discussions there with appropriate U.S. officials to work out an approach to and agreement with [redacted] whereby the U.S. could derive maximum benefit [redacted] for reconnaissance of the area.

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Executive Secretary

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